GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN BIHAR
SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that National Highways in Bihar are in very bad shape and not traffic worthy;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve these National Highways;

(c) whether the Government also provide grants for maintaining even State Highways; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) National Highways in Bihar are being maintained generally in traffic worthycondition within the available resources. During 2001-2002 development works amounting to Rs. 85.34 crores have been sanctioned for National Highways in Bihar, besides periodical renewal works for Rs. 25.48 crores and Flood Damage Repair/Special Repair works for Rs. 12.53 crores. The Annual Plan 2002-2003 provides for development works on these National Highways at a plan cost of Rs. 156.00 crores.

(c) & (d) Under Central Road Fund, Central Government also provides some funds fordevelopment and maintenance of State Highways and major district roads. However the responsibility for maintaining State Highways rests with the State Government concerned.